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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS MEETING WITH SWEDISH DELEGATION

1. IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES MET JULY 7 WITH
VISITING SWEDISH DELEGATION INCLUDING LEIF LEIFLAND,
SECRETARY GENERAL OF SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY;
BENGT BORGLUND, SWEDISH CHARGE IN WASHINGTON,

MATS BERGQUIST, POLITICAL COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED U.S. CONSULTATIONS WITH NORDIC COUNTRIES; SWEDISH POSITION ON NAMIBIA; AND SWEDEN-SPONSORED UNGA RESOLUTION ON NEW INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. NAMIBIA: MAYNES EMPHASIZED THE DESIRE AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF USG THAT WESTERN FIVE EFFORTS SHOULD LEAD TO AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT FOR NAMIBIA. SWAPO IS ONE KEY TO RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM AND MUST GIVE SYG WALDHEIM THE GREEN LIGHT BEFORE HE CAN DEVELOP THE UN ROLE IN NAMIBIA, BUT THERE ARE SIGNS THAT RUSSIA IS PRESSURING SWAPO TO TAKE MORE NEGATIVE POSITION. MAYNES ASKED IF SWEDEN COULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SWAPO

TO REDUCE THEIR REPORTED DEPENDENCE ON USSR, OR COULD AID NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER WAYS.

3. SWEDES WERE NON-COMMITAL ON INCREASED FINANCING (INFO AVAILABLE TO U.S. PUTS SWEDISH ASSISTANCE TO SWAPO AT 10 MILLION KRONER), NOTING THEY ALREADY PROVIDE SOME FUNDS TO SWAPO, AND RECENTLY PERMITTED SWAPO TO OPEN INFORMATION OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM. ON NEGOTIATIONS, LEIFLAND OFFERED TO TELL SWAPO THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE VALUABLE EXERCISE AND IN SWAPO CONFIDENTIAL

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INTEREST AND TO URGE SWAPO TO PURSUE THEM IN GOOD FAITH. HOWEVER, SWEDEN WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO ASK SWAPO TO ACCEPT ANY PARTICULAR ASPECT OF NEGOTIATIONS. ON RELATED SUBJECT, SWEDES NOTED THEY WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE BY THEIR MINISTER FOR AID AND DEVELOPMENT.

4. NEW INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA: LIEFLAND EMPHASIZED SWEDEN'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN GA RESOLUTION IT SPONSORED IN 1976 ASKING SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT TO PREVENT NEW FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. SWEDEN DOES NOT AT THIS TIME INTEND TO RAISE MATTER IN FORTHCOMING UNGA ON GROUNDS THAT SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD STILL RESPOND TO ORIGINAL UNGA RESOLUTION. STOCKHOLM BELIEVES IMPLEMENTATION WOULD PUT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON PRETORIA FOR PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND HAS FOUND SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION IN JAPAN AND NORWAY WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STEPS (UNDEFINED) TO RESTRICT NEW INVESTMENT. SWEDEN HAS NEW LEGISLATION PENDING WHICH WILL RESPOND TO THE 1976 RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, IN TALKS WITH UK (ROWLANDS) SWEDES WERE INFORMED

THAT BRITISH ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE
SO OVERWHELMING THAT LONDON COULD NOT CONSIDER
HALTING NEW INVESTMENT.

5. MAYNES NOTED THAT U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO
CONSIDER A FORMULATION BASED ON EARLIER SWEDISH
PROPOSAL. HE NOTED THAT FINAL U.S. POSITION ON SUCH MEA-
SURES WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-
SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIVE EVENTS OF
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